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Bay Of Pigs

Story Says Nixon Sought Early Raid

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Washington—Former Vice-President Richard M. Nixon wanted the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba to take place before the 1960 election, two Washington newspapermen asserted yesterday.

According to David Wise and Thomas B. Ross, writing in Look Magazine, "one of Nixon's top campaign aides... explained that Nixon was hoping for the invasion before November 3, 1960, because 'it would have been a cinch to win' the election if the Eisenhower Administration destroyed Fidel Castro in the closing days of the presidential campaign."

"That was exactly what the Kennedy strategists hoped would not happen," the authors say.

Kennedy Urged Support

They pointed out, however, that Kennedy publicly proposed United States support of a rebellion in Cuba, while Nixon pretended to oppose it.

In his October 22 debate with Kennedy, Vice-President Nixon charged that Kennedy's call for U. S. support of an anti-Castro revolution was "the most shockingly reckless proposal ever made in our history by a presidential candidate during a campaign."

Nixon subsequently explained in his book, "Six Crises," that he felt Kennedy had been endangering the security of the invasion plan after learning of it in an intelligence briefing arranged by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and therefore felt obliged to attack a plan he privately supported.

Disturbing Reports Received

The Democratic candidate had been briefed July 23 and September 19 by Allen W. Dulles, then director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Dulles later denied having made the invasion scheme known to Kennedy.

But the Kennedy forces in the campaign "were receiving persistent and disturbing re-

ports that some kind of Cuban-exile operation was in the works," the authors write.

While the Nixon forces did not know exactly how much Kennedy knew "they certainly did not want the Democratic candidate to benefit from an invasion that might be launched by a Republican President," the authors say.

The report in Look is from the authors' book, "The Invisible Government," to be published this month by Random House.

Wise is chief of the Washington bureau of the New York Herald Tribune and Ross is a member of the Washington bureau of The Chicago Sun-Times.

Their book has aroused officials, including those of the C.I.A., who contend that it goes too far in reporting U. S. intelligence operations. The book is said to breach secrets about C.I.A. affairs.